

## **INTRODUCTION**

This document, prepared by Wisconsin's Legislative Fiscal Bureau, is the final edition of the cumulative summary of executive and legislative action on the 2015-17 Wisconsin state biennial budget. The budget was signed by the Governor as 2015 Wisconsin Act 55 on July 12, 2015, and published on July 13, 2015. This document describes each of the provisions of Act 55, including all fiscal and policy modifications recommended by the Governor, Joint Committee on Finance, and Legislature.

The document is organized into five sections, the first of which contains a Table of Contents, Index to Selected Provisions, History of the 2015-17 Budget, Brief Chronology of the 2015-17 Budget, Key to Abbreviations, and a User's Guide.

This is followed by an "overview" section which provides a series of summary tables and charts which display 2015-17 revenues, appropriations, and authorized position levels. Information is presented for all fund sources, the general fund, transportation fund, and the state's lottery program.

The next section contains budget and policy summaries for each state agency and program. The agencies appear in alphabetical order. For each agency, comparative tables are presented which depict funding and authorized position levels. This is followed by a narrative description and fiscal effect, if any, of each budget change item. In this section, the author of each change is identified.

The fourth section of the document lists the various reports and studies which are required in 2015 Act 55. This begins on page 897.

The final section, beginning on page 905, lists the 2015-17 biennial budget issue papers prepared by the Legislative Fiscal Bureau.